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In re Application of	)	Group Art Unit: 1655
Xiaohua Huang, *et al.*	)	Examiner: B. Forman
Serial No. 09/419,817	)	Box AF
Filed: October, 18, 1999	)	Atty. Dkt. No. 03848.80923

For: **IDENTIFICATION OF ALLELES**

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

The Honorable Assistant Commissioner for
Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed September 1, 2000, Applicants request entry of the following amendments and consideration of the remarks which follow.

It is believed that no fees are required to file this amendment. If fees are required, please charge our Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Twice Amended) A method to determine a nucleotide at a polymorphic locus in a nucleic acid sample, comprising the steps of:

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amplifying a region of DNA comprising a polymorphic locus in the sample to form amplified DNA products using a primer [which] pair, wherein a first primer of the pair